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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, IR

SUBJECT: IRANIAN LEND-LEASE DEBT

REF: TEHRAN 9751

1. MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY TOLD AMBASSADOR EVENING OF OCTOBER 14 THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED IRAN'S LEND-LEASE PROBLEM WITH THE SHAH. THE SHAH HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO MAKE AN INCREMENTAL PAYMENT "AS WE REQUESTED." HE ALSO SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE HOPED THE US WOULD MOVE PROMPTLY TO RESPOND TO IRAN'S COUNTERCLAIMS AND THAT THIS WOULD HELP OUR DELIBERATION OF THE WHOLE ISSUE. ANSARY WAS AWARE THAT THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE SEEING PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA ON OCTOBER 16 AND INDICATED AMBASSADOR MAY BE INFORMED AT THAT TIME OF THE AMOUNT OF THE INCREMENTAL PAYMENT IRAN INTENDS TO MAKE.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, THIS IS THE FIRST SIGN OF ANY REAL MOVEMENT FORWARD IN SOME TIME. IT IS ALSO THE FIRST TIME WE ARE AWARE OF THAT THE SHAH IS SEIZED OF THE PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OCCASION TO PRESS FORWARD AND SPECIFICALLY TO INDICATE WHEN AND WHERE WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SERIOUSLY IRAN'S COUNTERCLAIMS. IN THIS CONNECTION IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE HAD SOME WORD ON THIS FOR THE
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AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY TO THE PRIME MINISTER DURING HIS

MEETING (10:30 A.M. LOCAL) OCTOBER 16.
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